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***For Immediate Release***

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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 21, 2005, **ALLISON WARREN-SCHLOTTER**, age 40, of 302 Harding Street, Collinsville, Illinois, plead guilty in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to a 13 Count Information charging her with health care fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347, and acquiring a controlled substance by misrepresentation, fraud and deception in violation of Title 21, United States Code, 843. The violations took place from July 25, 1995 to October 21, 2001 in Madison County, Illinois.

**ALLISON WARREN-SCHLOTTER** worked as the office manager in a Collinsville (Illinois) physician's office. Defendant admitted to devising and executing a scheme to obtain by means of false and fraudulent representations, money from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, by sending Blue Cross Blue Shield false and fraudulent health care claims seeking reimbursement for medical care purportedly rendered by a physician and paid for by defendant, defendant's husband and defendant's mother. Over the course of the scheme, defendant sent a total of 36 false health care claims to Blue Cross Blue Shield seeking reimbursement in the amount of \$27,779.50 which resulted in Blue Cross Blue Shield to pay \$12,628.37 pursuant to the false claims to defendant's mother and husband. Twelve of the false claims were the basis of Counts 1-12 of the Information.

Defendant also admitted to Count 13 which charged her with obtaining 60 Tylenol 3/Codeine tablets, a Schedule III Controlled Substance. Defendant obtained the prescription on October 8, 2001, from a pharmacy in Collinsville, and falsely represented that a doctor had authorized her to obtain the prescription.

The possible penalties for each of Counts 1-12 are up to 10 years' imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, or both, followed by up to 3 years supervised release. The possible penalty for Count 13 is up to 4 years' imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, or both, followed by up to 3 years' supervised release.

The Information follows an investigation conducted by the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, St. Louis, Missouri Division and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency, Diversion Unit, St. Louis, Missouri. The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Robert L. Simpkins.